



## MARTHA GUZMAN ACEVES

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### MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

#### Commissioner

San Francisco, CA

##### California Public Utilities Commission

January 2017- Present

- Appointed Commissioner by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on Dec. 28, 2016.
- Manage a portfolio of over 70 proceedings, including issues related to distributed energy -Net Energy Metering, Demand Response Programs, and Energy Storage, fiscal oversight of utilities, water affordability and conservation, increasing access to clean energy programs for Disadvantaged Communities, Research and Development and preventing disconnections of basic utilities.
- Spearheaded the Interagency Solar Consumer Protection Taskforce, a collaboration with the Contractor State License Board and Department of Financial Protection and Innovation.
- Manage the implementation of the California's broadband infrastructure fund, California Advanced Service Fund, as well as the state operating subsidies for carriers in 'High Cost' areas of the state, develop strategies for greater broadband deployment and represent the CPUC on the California Broadband Council.
- Serve on the Senate Bill 350 Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group in coordination with the California Energy Commission focused on ensuring climate goals are met equitably.
- Serve on the Lithium Valley Commission focused on sustainably developing lithium production in California.

#### Deputy Legislative Secretary

Sacramento, CA

##### Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

June 2011 - Dec 2016

- Advised the Governor on legislative issues related to climate, natural resources, environmental protection, energy, and food and agriculture.
- Led Administration efforts on environmental, energy and natural resources legislative reforms including sustainable groundwater management, drinking water reorganization, electricity rate reform, renewable energy and energy efficiency goals, drought management, greenhouse gas reduction goals and forestry management.

#### Sustainable Communities Project Director

Sacramento, CA

##### California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

March 2005 – May 2011

- Led the administrative and legislative advocacy in environmental justice, occupational health and safety, and community health issues, including land-use, transportation, water and planning. Notable regulatory and legislative victories include the Heat Illness Prevention Act and the Pesticide Drift Exposure Response Act.
- Coordinate the local policy advocacy efforts in the San Joaquin Valley Focus on basic infrastructure needs of unincorporated, disadvantaged communities.
- Conducted a study of over 400 farmworkers in the southern San Joaquin Valley and issues a report in 2006 "The Agricultural Industries Transportation Services: Meeting the Transit Needs of Rural Californians". This work led to the appropriation in 2006 of \$20million for expanding farmworker transportation.
- Co-authored drinking water report in March 2011, "The Human Costs of Nitrate-contaminated Drinking Water in the San Joaquin Valley."

## Co-Founder

Sacramento, Tulare & Fresno, CA

### Communities for a New California

February 2010 – May 2011

- Co-founded and developed Communities for a New California (CNC)—a new bottom-up model for independent election campaigns in underrepresented communities—to support progressive candidates for local and statewide office.
- Raised \$90,000 from small donors and foundations to hire and manage a bilingual campaign staff of 40 along with 100 volunteers to make 10,000 person-to-person contacts with voters.
- Led a participatory process with community members to design and execute election campaign, identified priority ballot measures and evaluated potential candidates to endorse.
- Directed media outreach and communications to regional and statewide English and Spanish news outlets.
- Lead strategic planning efforts for the long-term sustainability of CNC.

## Founder & Partner

Sacramento, CA

### Cultivo Consulting

February 2008 – May 2011

- Provided clients with public policy strategic advising, coalition building, and direct representation on issues such as, water policy, transportation, immigrant's rights issues, health care and economic development related issues.
- Conducted trainings and policy prioritization sessions with client membership/constituency to develop organizational strategic plans and public policy agendas.
- Worked with organizational management for non-profits in California's central valley and central coast.
- Represented a network of Mexican hometown associations engaged in public policy work, environmental justice organizations and small and minority farmer organizations.

## Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Analyst, Research Analyst

Salinas & Sacramento, CA

### United Farm Workers of America

July 1999 – March 2005

- Researched, analyzed and provided testimony on relevant policies at the local, regional, and state legislative and regulatory levels.
- Assisted in the coordination of the ten-day march, led the month-long vigil at the Capitol steps and 10,000-person rally that led to the signing of Mandatory Mediation Act for farmworkers -the landmark reform to the Agricultural Labor Relations Act.
- Provided technical and political strategy for the Farmworker Safe Drinking Water Project that organized over a dozen communities in the southern San Joaquin Valley to advocate for safe drinking water in their community.
- Conducted corporate and issue area research on collective bargaining campaigns in the Central Coast.
- Co-authored "Fields of Poison 2002: California Farmworkers and Pesticides".

## Human Resources

Davenport, CA

### Swanton Berry Farm

January 2006 – November 2008

- Led the development of the first Employee Stock Ownership Plan in agricultural production.
- Formalized policies and conducted bi-lingual trainings on sexual harassment, grievance procedures, seniority and other critical policies within the union contract.
- Provided workforce policy updates on then-pending immigration reform

## EDUCATION

M.S.     **Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics**, UC Davis, 2002

Davis, CA

2009 "Young Alumna" UC Davis CA&ES Award of Distinction

B.S.     **International Economics**, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 1999

Washington, DC

Certificate in Latin American Studies

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

- Clean Power Champion Award 2016- Awarded by Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies
- Human Right to Water Achievement Award 2015 – Awarded by the Community Water Center
- Environmental Leader Award 2012, California League of Conservation Voters
- Young Alumni Award 2011 – Awarded by St. Francis High School Alumni Association
- Clean Air Champion Award 2007 – Awarded by the Central Valley Air Quality Coalition for legislative achievements.

## **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Roots of Change, Founding Council Member, 2004-2007

California Water Commission, Member, 2002-2005

California Water Plan Update 2005 Public Advisory Committee, Environmental Justice Member, 2003-2005

California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee, EJ Member, 2002-2005

California Agricultural Leadership Program, Class 33, 2002-2004

Agricultural Sustainability Institute, External Advisory Board, UC DAVIS, 2009 - 2013

Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, Public Advisory Committee, 2002 - 2010

Ag Innovations Network, Board Member, 2008 – 2011

Sierra Institute for Community and Environment, Board Member, 2007- 2011

Pesticide Action Network North America, Board Member, 2008- 2010

St. Joseph's Girls Basketball, Coach, 2010-2011

Natomas Youth Soccer Club, Board Member, 2012-2015

## **LANGUAGES**

- Fluent in written and spoken Spanish